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Claims 1-7 and 9-13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haas (Surface and Coatings Technology, 1999, 111:72-79) in view of Linden (W003/066933) in view of Goodwin (W003/086031).

- 1) Plasma vapour deposition process for plasma coating of ORMOCER<sup>®</sup> layers is completely different from coating a thin film with ORMOCER<sup>®</sup> lacquer using conventional wet coating techniques (e.g., dip-coating, spray coating, spincoating) followed by curing as disclosed in Haas.
- 2) Plasma vapour deposition process is completely different from chemical vapour deposition process disclosed in Linden. The process in Linden is intrinsically different from a plasma process in that a chemical vapour phase is produced rather than dispersion of a species in a plasma.
- 3) ORMOCER<sup>®</sup> composition disclosed in Haas is prepolymerized to form oligomers which do not lend themselves to evaporation. Therefore, the ORMOCER<sup>®</sup> composition in Haas is not suitable for/compatible with the vapour deposition process in Linden or Goodwin.